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- Claims 50 – 77 are currently pending.
- Claims 52, 53, 56 and 74 – 77 have been objected to.
- Claims 50 – 77 stand rejected under a non-statutory double patenting rejection.

1. RCE

The present Amendment and Response is being filed in response to a Final Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants have filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

2. Claim Objections

Claims 52, 53, 56 and 74 – 77 have been objected to due to various informalities. Applicants have amended each of claims 52, 53, 56 and 74 – 77 to correct the typographical errors noted by the Examiner.

3. Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 50 – 77 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 44 of U.S. Patent No. 6,203,430 (the parent case of the present continuation application). Solely to expedite allowance of the pending claims, and without agreeing with the Examiner's characterization of the pending claims, Applicants have filed a terminal disclaimer herewith, in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c).

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons it is submitted that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Alternatively, if there remains any question regarding the present application or any of the cited references, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Magdalena M. Fincham at telephone number (203) 461 - 7041 or via electronic mail at mfincham@walkerdigital.com.

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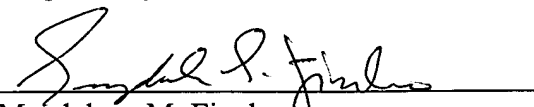
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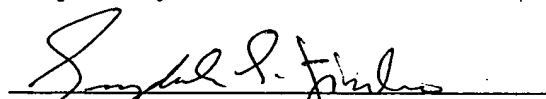
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